

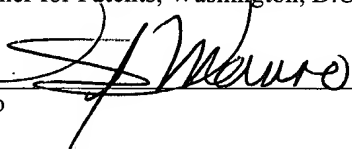
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Applicant:	Cefali
Serial No.:	08/962,421
Filing Date:	10/31/97
Group Art Unit:	1615
Examiner:	J. Spear
Title:	<i>Intermediate Release Nicotinic acid Compositions for Treating Hyperlipidemia which Exhibit an In Vivo Stair-Stepped Absorption Curve</i>



Box Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to Friday, September 1, 2000, for responding to the Office Action mailed on March 1, 2000, for the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$870.00 for the three-month extension of time. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.17(c), please charge, **IF NECESSARY**, any additional fees

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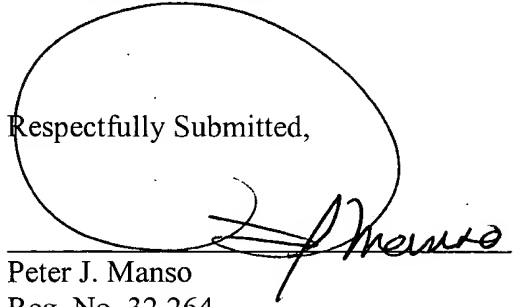
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for this extension of time to Deposit Account Number 50-0951/20720-95586. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: September 1, 2000


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